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HERNDON NAMED "TREE CITY USA" FOR 20th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Herndon, VA (April 13, 2009) – The National Arbor Day Foundation has named the Town of Herndon as a "Tree City USA" in recognition of the town's commitment to its community forest. This is the 20th consecutive year that Herndon has received the Tree City USA designation, by having in place four standards: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance.

"A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for its trees deserve recognition and thanks," said John Rosenow, president of the foundation. "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our cities and towns, and they also provide environmental and economic benefits."

According to John Dudzinsky, community forester for the Town of Herndon, the Tree City USA designation will be celebrated at the Town's Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, to be held Saturday April 25, 10am – 12:30pm at Herndon High School.

More information about Tree City USA is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the "best affordable suburbs" in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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